



# The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation

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### **PACF CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL 2004**

The PACF Annual Celebration was held at Memorial Auditorium on January 27, 2005. Chris Ward welcomed everyone by saying "Those of you here tonight have given back to our community in some way. You have community spirit and pride and we consider you part of our PACF family. This event celebrates you."

Eleven area non-profits were awarded grants totaling \$20,000. Lynda Wilkinson, past PACF President, presented the grants. "All of you here tonight have a place in our circle of love", said Lynda. "Childhood should be a happy time for kids, but sometimes children in Southeast Kansas have obstacles. The organizations receiving grants tonight will help area children past roadblocks, enabling their childhood to be better."

Frank Dunnick, PACF president announced that the foundation currently has \$2.3 million in assets and currently manages 26 funds. "We have made great strides in establishing the PACF as a community partner."



**Grant recipients** Penny Armstrong, Executive Director of PACO (left), and Loretta George, Executive Director of Mother-to-Mother Ministry (right) received two of the eleven grants handed out by PACF Executive Director Chris Ward (center) at the Annual Celebration held January 27, 2005.

In fact, we have done our job so well that the Kansas Health Foundation is rewarding us with a \$76,000 bonus. As our funds grow, our ability to grant additional dollars will increase."

Attendees were treated to hors d'oeuvre and drinks catered by Sodexo, favors, a screening of the new PACF video, and entertainment provided by the Holiday Band.



### ***NEW KANSAS HEALTH FOUNDATION CHALLENGE***



Our application has been approved by the Kansas Health Foundation to enter into the 2005-2006 Challenge. This is not new to our foundation as our history began with such a challenge in 2001. Our goal is to raise \$700,000 in permanent endowed funds by December 31, 2006. For each \$2 raised, the Kansas Health Foundation will provide a match of \$1. The matching dollars will be placed in our permanently Endowed Children's Fund, from which

earnings will be used for the health and well being of area children. This is an opportunity to add an additional \$350,000 to a fund that currently contains \$270,000. Any donation added to our endowed funds will count towards our goal of raising \$700,000. Those wanting to help us meet this challenge can contribute to any of our 26 organization funds. It is realistic to think that one day this fund will create a lasting impact on the lives of area children.

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## **W.I.N. SEMINAR SERIES**

**“What Interests Non-Profits”**

**...empowering non-profits with capacity building tools for the 21st century.**

The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation, in conjunction with a Kansas Health Foundation grant, is in the process of hosting a series of three seminars for all non-profits in Crawford County. The purpose of the seminars is to enhance the capacity building skills needed by non-profit staff members in order to make them more effective and better able to focus on the mission of their respective agencies.

The first seminar was held on February 18, 2005. The topic for the morning, Guidelines for Effective Grant Writing, was presented by Krista Postai, COO of Community Health Center of SEK. Having written grants totaling more than \$5 million in the last five years, Ms. Postai was able to offer sound advice to attendees concerning the grant application process.

The second seminar was held March 4, 2005. Topics covered were: Non-Profit Accounting Tips and 21st Century Communication Tools. Presenters were Douglas K. Stuckey, CPA, and Jason Ward, Assistant Professor in the Graphics and Imaging Technologies Department at PSU.

A third seminar, to be held April 14, will be presented by Endowment Development Institute Consultants of Vista, California. Topics to be discussed are: Creating Leaderful Board Members and Focused Fundraising.

For more information concerning the seminar series, please contact the PACF office at 620-231-8897.

***The best use of life is to invest it in something  
which will outlast life.”  
-William James***

## **MIKE SLACK MEMORIAL FUND**

We would like to thank all of the many donors who contributed to the Mike Slack Memorial Fund. Your contributions have been distributed equally between The Family Resource Center Endowed Fund, the Robert E. Lyerla Christmas Decorations Endowed Fund, and the Pittsburg Public Library Endowed Fund. All of these PACF funds held a special interest to our father. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Missy Doll and Michael Slack

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



**PACF Director**  
**Chris Ward**

At PACF, we want you to know that we are here to provide a service to our donors. To this mission, I would like to announce the coming addition of a very sophisticated software system that will enable us to manage fund activity, receive gifts and pledges, distribute grants, and easily produce statements showing all financial activity. We are able to purchase this world-class support through the generosity of one of our donors.

We will be one of only five community foundations in Kansas that use the Foundation Information Management System software. We will soon begin our education in the use of this software. As we approach the future of philanthropic giving-we want you to know that we are preparing ourselves for on-line computer gifting.

*Chris*

### **PACF WELCOMES**

#### **S.E.K. HUMANE**

#### **SOCIETY ENDOWED FUND**

Earning community respect and trust has again enabled us to add another organizational fund to our growing list of endowments. The PACF welcomed the S.E.K. Humane Society in January of 2005. The S.E.K. Humane Society realized the need to establish a permanent fund that could be used for bequests and memorials while providing security to donors that only interest, not principal, would be used to provide for our animal friends.

Officers are Mary Kay Caldwell, president; Joanne Wenzel, vice-president; Dora Ware, treasurer; and Lisa Grilz, secretary.

### **DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**

*Thoughtful giving begins with thoughts on giving. -Arthur C. Frantzreb*

The PACF is working to improve the quality of life in our county through an active partnership with donors and others who believe, as we do, that positive change occurs through effective charitable giving. One approach donors may want to consider when contemplating a donation is a donor advised fund. This fund operates much like a private or family foundation. Contribute to your fund when it is most convenient, then recommend gifts over time to nonprofit agencies of your choice. You select a fund name and investment strategy, then get to enjoy making grants to agencies committed to the causes you care about.

### **LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Dear Chris: I have been actively involved in health care for many years. I have volunteered my time and given freely to various medical initiatives. As I prepare my estate plan, I am interested in giving a substantial gift to the medical community that I care deeply about. However, I worry that one large gift would not be distributed fairly or that my gift might even discourage others from giving. I was wondering how the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation could be of help? Anonymous*

You could set up a named fund with PACF, and in your will or trust, provide a bequest to the medical charities you care about. In your agreement, you would ask PACF to send the income to the organizations of your choice. We would then send donations annually to the named charities. Your charities continue to receive support in your name each year. In the event that one of your listed charities is no longer in existence, the PACF would consider carefully what similar causes could benefit from your gifts. In this way, PACF, will keep your gift viable, no matter what changes occur.

**PACF AFFILIATED FUNDS**

Pittsburg Area Arts and Culture  
 Big Brothers and Big Sisters  
 Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.  
 Disaster Relief  
 Family Resource Center  
 Franklin Community Council  
 Friends of Ft. Scott Animal Shelter  
 Immigrant Park/Miner's Memorial  
 Lyerla Memorial Christmas Decorations  
 Mother to Mother Ministry

Northeast USD 246 Foundation  
 PACF Children's Fund  
 Pittsburg Beautiful  
 Pittsburg Public Library Foundation  
 Pittsburg USD 250 Foundation  
 SEK Humane Society  
 SKIL Inc.  
 Southeast USD 247  
 United Way of Crawford County, Inc

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Looking for a worthwhile charitable cause to support in our surrounding area? You can establish your own fund (a named fund in any area of interest will require a minimum dollar amount) or you can make a contribution/memorial of any size to our affiliated funds listed above.

Please credit the enclosed contribution to the following fund.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Name \_\_\_\_\_.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial gift in honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

Donor Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

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If you have questions about the articles in this newsletter or would like more information, please contact the PACF office at 620-231-8897 or pacfexecdir@mob11.net.

